

WEATHER: Thunder showers Saturday and probably Sunday, light to fresh winds, mostly south.

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THREE PLENIPOTENTIARIES WILL BE NAMED BY EACH

Names and Time for Meeting of Representatives of Belligerent Nations Will Probably be Determined First of Next Week.

POWERS WILL WATCH MEETING

Program of Washington Diplomatic Corps Entirely Suspended.

AFTER CONVENING NEGOTIATORS MAY ADJOURN TO SOME NEW ENGLAND WATERING PLACE. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN LAST FEW WEEKS HAS BROKEN ALL RECORDS.

By Associated Press. Washington, June 16.—Following the selection of Washington as the place for the peace conference, so far as can be ascertained three plenipotentiaries will be named by each government, or not more than three. It is not unlikely the names of the plenipotentiaries and the time for the meeting will be determined the first of the week.

EUROPEAN POWERS WILL WATCH NEGOTIATIONS.

Washington, June 16.—Already the epoch-making meeting to be held between the plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan to discuss means of ending the war as Russians tentatively express it, has received a name. In dispatches to Europe from the embassies and legations here, it is briefly termed "The Washington Conference."

The announcement of the selection of Washington as the scene of the peace-making has caused practically the entire diplomatic corps to suspend indefinitely its program for the summer. Despite the restoration of both belligerents that they propose to negotiate directly with one another, the European powers are preparing to follow each step of the negotiations as closely as possible. The informal announcement at the white house that if after convening the conference here the plenipotentiaries were oppressed by the heat, they would probably adjourn to some watering place in New England, has aroused the hopes of the envoys of the neutral powers that such will be the decision.

Among the diplomats whose plans probably will be disarranged by the coming conference are M. Jusseland, the French ambassador, who, if he goes to France this month, as he has planned, must return in time for the conference; Baron Speck von Sternburg, who has planned to spend his leave in Germany, and Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador who has already gone to Lenox, Mass. If the conference does not convene until September some of the diplomats will make brief visits to Europe, mainly for the purpose of getting in touch with the views of their respective governments.

This will not be the first time the diplomatic corps has been kept in Washington in the summer because of important negotiations. Diplomatic activity in the last few weeks has exceeded the record established during the Venezuelan negotiations in the winter of 1903 and has recalled vividly the scenes immediately following the ending of the war with Spain. There have been conferences at the white house, morning, afternoon and evening, the subject of peace negotiations naturally taking precedence over all other official business at the executive office. Not only has the president sent frequently for various diplomats interested directly or indirectly in the question,

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THREE NEGROES HANGED AT DECATUR, ALABAMA

Murderers of Miss Belle Bloodworth and Policeman Steel, of Decatur, Pay Extreme Penalty for Horrible Crimes.

ALL THREE WERE HANGED TOGETHER

Condemned Men Removed to Scene of Crimes by Guard of Militia.

SECOND HANGING NECESSARY IN CASE OF HARVEY SMITH, FROM WHOSE NECK THE NOOSE SLIPPED—WAS PRACTICALLY UNCONSCIOUS WHEN THE DROP FELL.

By Associated Press. Birmingham, June 16.—Harvey Smith, John Collier and Will Jackson, negroes, were hanged at Decatur today. State troops were present as precaution but there was no disorder. The men were hanged together, but when the drop fell the knot slipped on Smith's neck and he fell to the ground crying: "Thank God I'm free." He was picked up in a semi-unconscious condition and hanged again, being practically unconscious when the drop fell the second time and had to be held up while the rope was being adjusted.

The negroes were brought from Birmingham this morning under an escort of troops and Sheriff Wiggins, of Morgan county, with a squad of deputies. Smith and Collier were convicted of assaulting and killing Miss Belle Bloodworth, a popular young lady of Decatur. The boldness of the crime which was committed almost in the heart of town startled the state. The negroes were captured after a long search and taken to Birmingham for safe keeping. They were afterward taken to Decatur under military protection for trial and again taken to Decatur under similar protection today.

Jackson killed Policeman Steel, of Decatur, who arrested him for vagrancy. Jackson claimed to-day that he killed Steel in self-defense. The others denied the crime.

TAKEN TO DECATUR ON SPECIAL TRAIN.

Birmingham, June 16.—Harvey Smith, John Collier and Will Jackson, three negro murderers who are to hang to-day at Decatur, left here for that place this morning on a special train under escort of Troop D, Alabama National Guard, and Sheriff Wiggins and a squad of deputies. Owing to a small wreck having blocked the main line of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, necessitating the detouring of the special train, the party will not reach Decatur until just before noon. Sheriff Wiggins announced before leaving that the men would be hanged separately and as quickly as possible after their arrival at Decatur.

ARKANSAS DRUGGIST PARDONED BY PRESIDENT.

By Associated Press. Washington, June 16.—The president has granted a pardon to C. H. Morpheus, who was convicted last April in the eastern district of Arkansas for retailing liquor without having paid the required special tax. Morpheus was a druggist and sold for medical purposes only a preparation known to contain 88 per cent. proof spirits, claiming justification under a decision of the commissioner of internal revenue. Morpheus is held to have acted in good faith and for that reason pardon was granted.

PARADE OF VETERANS

Confederate Heroes Marched in Proud Review Before Thousands.

SHOT-RIDDLED BATTLE FLAGS

THAT FLOATED OVER MANY A SODDEN FIELD CARRIED BY REMNANT OF ONCE MIGHTY HOST—NO SERIOUS ACCIDENTS MARRED THE DAY.

By Associated Press. Louisville, June 16.—Beneath the shot-riddled flags that floated over many a sodden field and to the thrilling strains of "Dixie," that oft had cheered them to victory or defeat, the Confederate Veterans marched in proud review today before thousands of persons gathered to do them honor. Many of the captured battle flags recently returned by the government were carried in today's parade and were objects of interests and veneration.

At the head of the column, as special guests of the reunion, rode General Joe Wheeler and Jefferson Davis, grandson of the president of the Confederacy; next came the commander in chief, General Stephen D. Lee, and General C. Clive Walker, of South Carolina, occupied his family place as the head of the department the army of northern Virginia. R. E. Lee camp had the place of honor in the Virginia division.

General W. B. Ballentine, commander of the Florida division and Laura Tabolt Galt, the Louisville girl who refused to sing "Marching through Georgia," with the other pupils of her school rode with the camp from Augusta, Georgia, which made her an honorary member.

Many an old man dropped out of the parade before the reviewing stand was reached owing to heat but no serious accidents attended the parade.

THAW DIVORCE CASE ENDED

CHECK FOR \$75,000 SAID TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN FORMER CHORUS GIRL.

By Associated Press. Chicago, June 16.—A check for \$75,000 is said to have been given by Charles H. Thaw, of New York, to Francis Rush, formerly a chorus girl, who received a divorce from Thaw here today. The divorce was granted by Judge Alber Ackers on statutory grounds, Thaw making no defense. No mention of alimony was made in the decree but the lawyer of Mrs. Thaw declares the check was given her by Thaw. They were married four years ago. The end of the Thaw divorce case in Chicago will end the litigation which caused the recent imprisonment of Mr. Thaw in New York for failure to pay his wife \$4,000 a year alimony.

GRAND LODGE TO ADMIT LADIES

By Associated Press. Atlanta, June 16.—At to-day's session of the Knights of Honor Atlantic City, New Jersey, the second Tuesday in June, 1907, was chosen as the place and the time of the next meeting. By a vote of sixty-nine to eleven it was decided that ladies should be admitted to membership in the supreme lodge.

BLACK HAND SOCIETY IS OPERATING IN PENSACOLA

Nick Guardina Receives Letter Written in Italian Bearing Significant Emblems and Demanding Money Under Pain of Death.

INQUIRY CLOSED

Many Indictments in Beef Trust Cases Were Generally Expected.

MANY CHARGES BY BOTH SIDES

SEVERAL SUITS HAVE DEVELOPED AS RESULT OF ALLEGED TREACHERY ON PART OF SECRET SERVICE MEN—STRONG EVIDENCE WILL BE PRODUCED.

By Associated Press. Chicago, June 16.—From a dozen to forty indictments were today generally expected as a close to the inquiries into the conditions of the meat packing industry which have lasted since March, bringing in scores of witnesses and occupying the district attorney's office almost exclusively for three months. The charges are conspiracy to violate the anti-trust law, perjury, subordination of perjury and intimidation of witnesses.

The accused make charges of their own, asserting that the homes of some have been practically robbed by secret service men in search of evidence and alleging the prosecution of innocent persons. The latter refers to cases where the wives of some of the packers who left the city were placed under bond.

There has also developed several suits as to the result of the alleged treachery. Government officials are said to count on producing testimony not obtainable unless by some one turning state's evidence.

FRANCE DENIES PUBLISHED STORY

GERMANY HAS NOT ISSUED ULTIMATUM AS RESULT OF MOROCCAN SITUATION.

By Associated Press. Paris, June 16.—The publication by a number of American papers yesterday morning of a sensational article to the effect that Germany had practically issued an ultimatum to France and that there were other grave complications growing out of the Moroccan situation, has induced the French foreign office to issue a formal denial of all the sensational allegations in the article referred to.

RUSSIAN VESSEL ASKS FOR COAL

AUXILIARY CRUISER CALLS AT SAIGON FOR FUEL TO REACH RUSSIAN PORT.

By Associated Press. Saigon, Cochinchina, June 16.—The Russian auxiliary cruiser Koubana, formerly of the Hamburg-American steamer Augusta Victoria, has arrived off this port and asked to be supplied with coal sufficient to reach the near Russian port. Her request is under consideration. The Koubana is fitted with a wireless telegraph apparatus and carries sixteen guns of small calibre. The Koubana did not participate in the battle of the sea of Japan, having been detached from the Russian fleet to reconnoitre the east coast of Japan as far as Yokohama.

MARKED VICTIM MUCH EXCITED

Refused to Talk With Reporters, But Notified the Police.

LETTER DEMANDED THAT \$1,000 BE PLACED IN YARD NEAR OLD SPANISH HOSPITAL—LOCAL OFFICERS HARD AT WORK TO FERRET OUT THE MYSTERY.

That a Mafia or Black Hand society has been formed in Pensacola seems to have been conclusively proven, Nick Guardina, an Italian, and probably the most wealthy one of that nationality in the city, received a letter last night, and if he does not carry out the instructions therein contained he is threatened with assassination, according to statements in the letter.

The letter was sent through the local postoffice and had a Pensacola date, so of course was written in this city. Guardina when seen last night seemed to be very much excited, and was in conference with the police and county officers for some time, but when approached by a Journal reporter, he refused to divulge the contents of the letter which he had received. Demanded \$1,000.

It was learned however, that the letter was written in Italian and stated that unless Guardina placed \$1,000 in the yard near the old Spanish hospital on West Main street that he would be assassinated, and further more that if he divulged the contents of the letter to the police or to the county officers that he would be murdered. The hour of death was placed at 8 o'clock tonight if he failed to comply.

What caused the police to take more than usual interest in the black-mailing letter was that it bore the drawing of a dirk, revolver and a Black Hand. The latter is the most significant, provided that members of the organization which terrorized New York, Chicago and other cities for years, are in Pensacola. The drawing of the Black Hand, the revolver and dirk are said to have been done by an expert penman. At least this is the statement made by parties who saw the letter and who examined it closely.

The Black Hand. Whether or not parties connected with this society are in Pensacola and have come here for the purpose of operating is yet to be learned. In New York, where persons received letters with the Black Hand drawn upon them they knew that they would either have to pay the money demanded or else be doomed to die by a silencer or revolver. Dozens of murders have occurred in different cities during the past two years, and while it is hardly probable that actual murder would be committed in Pensacola, it is very significant that a letter of this character should be received by a wealthy and unpopular Italian, bearing the famous Black Hand.

While Guardina refused to talk with reporters, it was stated by parties who had been in consultation with him that he spoke several times regarding a society, and told one of those speaking with him and who was endeavoring to allay his fears, that the outside public did not know what was being done, or those who were behind the writing of the letter.

Guardina, it is understood has a suspicion of who wrote the letter, and the officers have been so informed. Sheriff Van Pelt, Deputy Sanders, Constable Hobe, Chief Schuy, Special Officer Ray, Deputy Frank and a number of other officers were at work last night in an effort to ferret out the matter.

ORIGINAL DAUGHTER OF REVOLUTION IS DEAD.

Kenosha, Wis., June 16.—Susan Atwater Gillette, widow of Judge Gurdin Gillette, and an original daughter of the Revolution, is dead at her home in this city, aged 95.

Friday's Games on the Big League Diamonds

Southern League. Atlanta 9, New Orleans 7; Montgomery 9, Memphis 0; Nashville 9, Savannah 4; Birmingham 4, Little Rock 2.

National League. Cincinnati 4, Boston 3; Chicago 4, Brooklyn 0; St. Louis 4, New York 9; Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 4.

South Atlantic. Jacksonville 0, Columbus 2; Savannah 5, Macon 1; Charleston 4, Augusta 3.

American League. Washington 5, Cleveland 5; New York 3, Chicago 0; Philadelphia 10, St. Louis 1; Boston 2, Detroit 5.

Congratulate President on Efforts for Peace

By Associated Press. Memphis, June 16.—After a three day session the National Association of Credit Men adjourned this afternoon to meet next year in Baltimore. The following officers were elected: President, O. G. Fessenden, of New York; Vice-President, Frank M. Get-

tis, of Louisville; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles E. Meek, of New York. The convention unanimously adopted resolutions congratulating the president upon his successful efforts to bring about peace in the Far East and his active leadership in the present peace movement.

MAY EXTEND THE FOUNDRY STRIKE

By Associated Press. New York, June 16.—President Frank McArdle of the International Association of Foundrymen, has announced that if the employers in New York and New Jersey where his men are now on strike do not grant an increase of 25 cents a day he will extend the strike to the entire country, involving many thousand men. Work at the foundries here and at New Jersey is at a standstill.

Requiem for Souls of the Victims of Naval Battle

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, June 16.—Requiem mass will be celebrated tomorrow at the Naval Chapel for the repose of the souls of officers and members of the crew of the battleship Alexander III who, the admiralty announces, went down to a man in the battle of the sea of Japan. There was only one survivor of each complement of the bat-

tlehips Borodino and Navarin. Undeterred by the prospects of peace negotiations Brigadier General Thomas H. Barry and other American attaches will proceed to Manchuria after being received in audience by the emperor. The officers believe the opportunities for observation and information will be even more fruitful immediately after a suspension of hostilities than in war times.

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For Improved Methods of Doing Public Business

By Associated Press. Washington, June 16.—The President has appointed a committee of five to report to him on improved methods for doing public business in various bureaus and departments. He has written a letter to Charles H. Keep, assistant secretary of the treasury, which outlines the scope and character of the work expected of the committee. Mr. Keep was made chairman of the committee and those who will be associated with him are Frank

H. Hitchcock, First Assistant Postmaster General, Lawrence O. Murray, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor, James R. Garfield, commissioner of Corporations and Griffin Pinchart, forester of the Department of Agriculture. This committee is to "investigate and find out what changes are needed to place the conduct of executive business of the government in all branches on the most economical and effective basis in light of the best modern business practice."